

July 31, 2003

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW. Room CY-B402
Washington, DC 20554

RE: The Application of SBC, Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunication Act of 1996 for 1996 for Authorization to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin, WC Docket No. 03-167

Dear Secretary Dortch,

I am writing in support of SBC's application to provide long distance service to consumers in Wisconsin and in its other SBC Midwest service territories.

As a customer of SBC for our local service, and our Internet service, I believe it would be extremely convenient if one telecommunication company could supply all of our communication needs.

As a struggling nonprofit agency, we are constantly searching for budget-savings. I believe that adding another service (longer long-distance) would allow for greater communication savings because of possible "bundling" of package choices. Every dollar that we save in overhead can be devoted to providing increased services to our adult literacy students.

In this time of reduced grant dollars and somewhat diminished private donations, we need to pare our budget wherever we can. This needed change could eventually provide a new source of savings. I encourage the FCC to vote in favor of SBC's application to provide the additional long-distance services.

Sincerely,

Ann H. McDonough, Executive Director
Kenosha Literacy Council, Kenosha, WI